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Councilmember Rose Herrera Proposes Ban on Political Contributions from Marijuana Dispensaries to City Candidates

SAN JOSE, CA – Councilmember Rose Herrera has proposed a ban on political contributions from marijuana dispensaries to political candidates in San Jose. The proposal is similar to a current rule that prohibits contributions from card rooms to political candidates.

“The city bans contributions from card rooms, so it’s not a stretch to apply that same standard to marijuana dispensaries,” said Herrera.

Herrera wants a sensible plan for San Jose, noting health issues with school-age children and law enforcement problems, and supports a more effective regulation for compassionate medical use.

“Decisions on how we regulate marijuana in San Jose needs to be based on medical information and enforcement realities - not political contributions,” said Herrera.

The proposal will be heard by the Rules Committee and asks that the Administration draft an ordinance to prohibit medical marijuana dispensaries, owners, officers, key management employees, and their spouses from contributing city candidates and committees; and make the ordinance apply starting in the 2014 election cycle.

About Councilmember Rose Herrera

Councilmember Rose Herrera represents District 8 in the City of San José. Councilmember Herrera currently Chairs the Community and Economic Development Committee, the VTA Audit Committee, Vice Chair of the Transportation and Environment Committee, a member of the Mayor’s Gang Task Force, the Santa Clara County Transportation Advisory Board, CalTrain Joint Powers Board, a voting delegate to the League of California Cities and the Founder and President of the League of California Cities’ Women’s Caucus. For more information go to <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/district8/>.

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